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(57) Abstract: A composition to be used for the manufacture of mono- or multilayer films for food-wrap applications comprising from 5 to 40 wt% of a styrenic block copolymer, a polyolefin in an amount of at least 40 wt% and optionally a resin which is compatible with the hydrogenated poly(butadiene) blocks of the styrenic block copolymer in an amount of from 0 to 25 %wt, wherein all weight percentages are relative to the weight of the complete composition; a styrenic block copolymer to be used in said composition, and mono- or multilayer films comprising said composition.

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1. Claims: 1-3

A composition suitable for the manufacture of a monolayer, or of multilayer films for food-wrap applications. The said composition comprising from 5 to 40 wt.% of a styrenic block copolymer of either molecular structure S-EB-S ... (1), or of molecular structure (S-EB)_nX ... (2) as described in the application claim 1 ; a polyolefin in an amount of at least 40 wt.% ; and optionally 0-25 %wt. of a resin which is compatible with the hydrogenated poly(butadiene) blocks, wherein all wt.% are relative to the weight of the complete composition.

2. Claim : 4

A monolayer film, or a multilayer film comprising at least one layer based on a composition according to any one of the claims 1-3.

3. Claims: 5-8

A styrenic block copolymer as described in application claims 5-8.

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